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GREGORY WANTS $50,000!

BECAUSE DANIEL MURRAY WROTE A LETTER TO MR. SAYERS.

Hon. George. W. Murray to be Seated.

Howard University Affairs Furnish a Large Output of Sensational Matter—The Vote on the Appropriation—Recorder Taylor to Practice Before the District Bar—The Murray's Much in Evidence—Cheatham Looses His Case—A. M. E. Conference—General News.

Washington, D. C., Special.

Washington is rarely without a sensation. The latest thing out, and one which promises racy developments is the libel suit instituted last week by Prof. James M. Gregory against Mr. Daniel Murray for $50,000, on account of the writing of a letter recently read by Representative Sayers in the House, in regard to a petition of a number of colored ministers and others for an investigation of the conduct of Howard University.

Prof. Gregory was formerly a school trustee and a member of the faculty at Howard. Mr. Murray is an assistant librarian at the Congressional Library, and one of the wealtheist colored citizens of the District. He is a leader in social and business circles, is the only Negro member of the local Board of Trade and was prominently mentioned in connection with the delegateship to the St. Louis convention.

The matter grows out of an ancient trouble between Prof. Gregory and the Howard University authorities, and came to the surface in a new form when it was discovered that the usual appropriation for the big school on the hill had been striken from the sundry civil bill in committees. Some charge the movement against the University to the representations of Prof, Gregory to certain members of Congress. Among those who believed this, and sought to restore Howard's bounty was Daniel Murray. He proceeded to show up the Professor's alleged record in a letter to Mr. Sayers, the ranking Democratic member of the committee on appropriation, for the purpose of counteracting the influences already at work.

Prof. Gregory, in his complaint, states that he was once a school trustee, and conducted himself honestly in that office. He resigned July 23, 1891, and his resignation was accepted by the commissioners. He charges malice and intent to ruin him led Mr. Murray to write to Representative Sayers to the effect that the petition presented by Mr. Livingston, of Georgia, was inspired by one, Prof. James M. Gregory, who was dismissed from the university for borrowing money from the students and others and refusing to pay the same. The same individual was several years ago appointed a trustee of the public schools and was dismissed by the District Commissioners for selling teacherships in the public schools. I, myself, aided in bringing this dishonest practice to the attention of the Commissioners. This communication bore the signature of Daniel Murray.

The complainant denies the selling of teacherships, and says he never received any money for the use of his influence in securing appointments of candidates for the position of teacher. Gregory claims to have been greatly injured in reputation by this writing, and that several of his neighbors have refused to have any dealings with him since it was made public. He asks a judgement for $50,000 for damages to his good name. Eminent legal talent has been secured by both sides, and a battle royal is looked for. It is said that the whole school machinery, as well as many of the methods in vogue at Howard and elsewhere will undergo a rigid examination, and that the mysteries surrounding a number of historical transactions will be completely unveiled during the prosecution of this celebrated case. Public sentiment is so divided on personal and other lines that no forecast of the result can be intelligently made.

MURRAY TO GET HIS SEAT.

Congressman George Washington Murray wins! The report that the division of opinion among the members of Election Committee No. 3, was so sharply drawn and irreconcilable that it would be impossible to seat Mr. Murray was premature and unreliable—that is it was not a finality. The committee will report in favor of giving Mr. Murray his seat, and ousting Mr. Elliott. There were four factions in this case, and for a long time an agreement seemed out of the question, so that last week it was tacitly understood that Mr. Elliott would be allowed to remain. The arrival of one member, who had been absent for some time, however, turned the scale, and by this narrow majority of one, the hustling Afro-American Congressman from South Carolina's first district, was seated. Mr. Murray will be the only colored man in this Congress as he was in the last. He is a man of sterling character, of high intelligence, a forcible speaker and a clear thinker, and believes in sturdy, practical methods in the solution of the economic and sociological problem now confronting the American people. He had many friends in the House and a strong pressure was brought to bear on the committee to seat him. The result gives great satisfaction to the race in Washington regardless of politics, for Mr. Murray's broad qualities and thoroughgoing statesmanship commended themselves to all who came in contact with him. While a Republican and an earnest politician, he is too correctly educated to be a bigot. He will faithfully represent his people, and take good care of the interests of his constituents.

GENERAL NOTES.

Hon. John L. Waller is expected in Washington shortly.

C. A. Jordan, of Indianapolis, was in the city last week on business.

Col. Perry H. Carson, has declared himself for Allison, with Reed as second choice.

Rev. O. W. Waller's confirmation class at St. Luke's Episcopal church, will be presented to the Bishop of Washington on the first of May.

Samuel Murray, Jr., of Buffalo, N. Y., who succeeded Charles H. Lanier, of Indiana, at the Executive Mansion, has resigned his post and left the city.

Hon. H. P. Cheatham, of North Carolina, a former Afro-Amcrican member of Congress from the third district, failed to make his contest good against Mr. Woodard, the sitting member, and the case has been dismissed.

The rendition of the cantata, "The Daughter of Jairus," on Easter, at the 15th Street Presbyterian church, was an artistic triumph, Miss Lulu McKinney sustained the title role. evidencing superior musical and dramatic ability. Prof. T. L. Furby, directed.

Miss Bessie Lee, a rising prima donna, late of "Black America," sang to a crowded house at Nineteenth Street Baptist church, on Easter Monday evening. She was capably assisted by Miss Sarah Saunders, Washington's most popular dramatic reader; Joseph H. Douglass, premier violinist, and others.

On motion of District Attorney A. A. Birney, Recorder C. H. J. Taylor was admitted to practice before the courts of the District of Columbia. Mr. Taylor was graduated from the Ann Arbor Law School, University of Michigan, in 1878, and was soon after admitted to the bar and began the practice of law. He was deputy District Attorney for Indiana, and for three years was city attorney of Kansas City. Mr. Taylor is one of the very few colored lawyers entitled to practice before the United States Supreme Court, and is known far and wide as an exceptionally skilled authority upon constitutional questions.

Dr. H, W. Furniss, formerly of the War Department, and later of Freedman's Hospital, has returned to his home in Indianapolis to enter upon the active practice of medicine. Dr. Furniss is a young man of brilliant attainments, is a close student of the screal branches of his profession, and his Washington friends bespeak for him a highly successful career in his new field.

An analysis of the vote by which the Howard University $32,600 appropriation amendment passed the House on the 1st, may be of interest to the Afro-American friends of education throughout the country: 234 votes were cast; 107 Republicans, 19 Democrats and 3 Populists voted for the measure; 55 Republicans, 47 Democrats and 8 Populists voted against it. A significant feature of the debate was the bitter opposition to the appropriation of Mr. Hainer, a prominent Republican from Nebraska, and the fervent, aggressive support tendered by Mr. Sayers, an uncompromising rock-ribbed Democrat from Texas. Of the Indiana Congressman, Messrs. Henry, Royse, Hardy, Watson, Faris, Overstreet, Leighty and Steele voted "yea;" Messrs. Hatch and Hanly voted "nay;" Messrs. Johnson, Tracewell and Hemenway are not recorded, and were presumably absent.

The 79th session of the Baltimore conference of the A. M. E. church, opened at the Metropolitan A. M. E. church Wednesday, the 15th, inst., Bishop W. J. Gaines presiding. Addresses of welcome were delivered by Rev. J. H. Callett, Presiding Elder of the Potomac district, and Rev. J. T. Jenifer, pastor of the church. A long list of the leading churchmen of the connection are expected to be present during the week, including Bishops, general officers and fraternal delegates. The succession at Metropolitan church is greatly in doubt, it being possible that Dr. Jenifer will remain until general conference, when his friends hope to see him elevated to episcopal honors. Dr. T. W. Henderson, of Indianapolis, one of the ablest divnies in the country, and who has enjoyed phenomenal success at every station, is mentioned by many as the most available material for that particular work needed here.

The Literary Society.

Kuttawa, Ky., Special.

Rev. McNary of Cadiz, who has been lately called to preach at the M. B. C. of this place, filled his regular appointment the 5th inst., and had a very large attendance. Misses Hastie and Necie Cusingberry, Francis Cook and Helen Tinsley of Princeton, spent Easter in this place visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Tyler. Rev. J. Barry closed his series of meetings at the F. B. C. of Eddyville, was assisted by Revs. D. M. Smith of Cardin and Grantmoore of Marion two very bright intelligent divines. It was a success. The literary societies of this place are doing much good. It is creating self-culture. The programs are well carried out. Essay by Miss F. S. Ratcliff, "How to arouse a new spirit in a community for education;" response, F. P. Harris. The Freeman is the leading colored paper in the United States and should be read in every family.

Literary Lyceum.

Tunis, Tex., Special.

Mrs. Francis Beckham died April 2d. She was taken sick about two months ago and grew worse. She leaves nine children and a host of other relatives to mourn her demise. The Silver Valley Literary Lyceum meet the first Sunday in April and rendered the Following program: Opening address, N. S. Walton; response, G. Henton; essay, Miss Mary Louis; recitation, Emma L. Smith; declamation, S. H. Evans; select reading, S. A. Porter; essay, A. L. Jordan; oration, "The coming Negro," W. E. Cole; debate, "Resolved, That the elevation of a Race depends upon their women." Affirmative, Profs. J. A. Smith and G. R. W. Allen; negative, Profs. E. J. Hoffman and J. A. Freeman. E. L. Smith and Miss Norma Smith are contemplating a visit to her grandmother. Prof. E. J. Hoffman has returned after a ten day's visit to Cameron. He also attended the Republican convention that convened at Austin. Hon. C. C. Carter, an associate editor of the Bryan Republican, visited us and addressed the atudents of Silver Valley. I would like to state here that I will be at Silver Valley on the fourth Friday in April on a mission for The Freeman, and I expecting a good number to be signed on the list as readers for the great race journal.

Affairs of School.

Cartersville, Ga., Special.

The city public school is in the midst of a successful term under the principalship of Prof. A. C. Denry. Mrs. Minnie L. Decatur, who has been ill for several months is now able to fill her place in school again. Mrs. Addie K. Allen who has done efficient work in the school for the past three years has resigned her position. Mrs. Amanda J. Harris' long service in the school bespeak for her excellent qualities.

Union Entertainment.

Texarkana, Ark., Special.

The Harrison and Morton Republican club met and after a hard fight, elected R. C. Mitchell president; G. E. Powell, secretary; Mose Wagner, vice-president. Wade Lawson, a prominent Odd Fellow and K. of P., died at his home on Laurel street, recently. The funeral was largely attended. There was a grand entertainment given in the city by the union of the two Literary clubs. One of the finest programs was rendered by talent from members of both clubs. Refreshments were served.

A TRIP THROUGH THE SOUTH

AN INTERESTING ARTICLE BY REV. WM. B. DERRICK, DESCRIBING

His Trip Through the Sunny South—The Negro's Fidelity—All He Asks is an Equal Share in the Race of Life.

None but a semi-tropical isle could boast of a scene presented on that morning of April, in the blessed year of our Lord, Eighteen Hundred and Sixty-five, when the story went forth, penetrating the cabins of the oppressed that, "the bondsman no longer drags his chains beneath the Stars and Stripes." Here and there among trees laidened with fruit, the rays of the rising sun glistened on the dark green foliage of the orange tree, whose branches bent under the weight of sweet oranges answering back to the radiant heat in delicate tints of yellow, through the dew drops which took shelter there during the hours of the night; (Florida)

The tall palmetto gracefully drooped its head in calm waiting, (South Carolina) for the grand event with a subtle sympathy which nature had apprised it of. The fragrance of the flowers hung heavily upon the atmosphers; birds chirruped their shrill matins and the sugar-cain of Louisiana held its head with bated breath.

The cotton fields of Georgia, Arkansas, Alabama and Mississippi startled with amazement at the absence of the sound of the horn that called to their daily task, the scores of human beings whose labor it was, under the eye and lash of the overseer, to keep the fields clean, to sow in them and gather the harvest, to perform all the work manual and domestic of the great plantation.

Situated in the midst of the flowery gardens in per-ennial bloom, stood the great and magnificent houses where dwelt the masters, the lords and owners, of these vast estates, of cattle that grazed in green pastures and of the human beings whose labor supplied them with the dainties and luxuries under which the tables groaned. Proud and arrogant, there they were stamping up and down the broad verandas in rage, denouncing the Union Agmy who yielded to the stern dictates of conscience as arroused by the thundering voice of an enlightened public opinion, inflamed and guided by the logic and eloquence of Phillips, Sumner, Garrison, Douglass, Lovejoy, Stevens, Conkling and other noble heroes of Anti-Slavery fame.

During a trip through the Southland, I found it to be one of the most interesting regions of the Republic; the theatre of the most gigantic war of modern times; the residence of 4,000,000 manumitted slaves now grown to 8,000,000 enfranchised freemen. The South may be properly styled, the source of supply for one of the most important staples of the earth. The richest treasuary of minerals and woods; the home of a people that in swift and amazing recuperation, have surpassed the French after the famous Prussian war, and has established to the American name, energy and push.

The New South is simply the Old South under new condition. I am led to believe that there is a class of people who rejoice because slavery is dead and that the issues at stake in the late war were adjudged by higher wisdom than their own. The Negro should never be forgotten by the South, no, no, especially the aged and tottering, whose joys are dead and whose feeble feet grope painfully among the shadows of the closing day. Yes, he ought to be remembered, when in helpless childhood, he watched over the cradle of some of the most illustrious. Turn not a deaf ear to his pleadings mute or spoken,

When the Southland was wrapped in her robes of mourning and the wind of adversity whistled her funeral derge, when not an ark appeared upon the troubled waters, hope almost gone, impoverished and hungry, with haggared eyes and hollow cheeks, the Negro firm as the granite rock, true to his trust, tilled the ground, planted the seed and raised the grain that furnished bread which kept life in the homes of these who are to-day highly favored in positions of trust and emolument. It is to this class we would speak, blessed perhaps to be lords and mistresses, rolling through crowded streets or on dazzling boulevards in costly equippages and rich apparel assembled with light hearts and merry souls in sumptuous drawing-rooms; I speak condemning the treatment accorded the people who are the life-blood of the Southland, by those who are the recipients of the results of his toil.

The Southern press is an engine of great danger when not well conducted. It says so many mean things against the Negro, which inflames the bitterness and hatred of its readers, and those readers never forget these teachings and at the earliest opportunity vent that hatred by indulging in some of the most unlawful outrages thus over-riding and putting to naught the laws they are pledged, yea, sworn to obey.

But amid this dark gloom there is a ray of hope; some of the leading journals of the South are showing a disposition to rise above the ordinary common place journals and speak out; chiefly among them are the "Charleston News and Courier," "Atlanta Constituton" "Columbia Register" and "Dallas Daily News." The Southern press can do much in the bringing about of harmony between the races as well as sections, by the advocating of fair elections and fair counts guaranteed. In a recent

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THE ORGANIZATION, OBJECT

AND AIM OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF COLORED MEN

Of the United States—Our Lives in Jeopardy — Ballot-box Stuffing—Equality of Justice and Rights Demanded by the Order.

BY D. AUGUSTUS STRAKER.

This organization was formulated and established at the late Conference of Colored Men held in Detroit, Mich., Dec. 12th and 13th, 1895. The conference was the outcome of a call or invitation issued by John G. Jones, Attorney-at-law of Chicago, Ill., George L. Knox and W. Allison Sweeney, Esqrs., of Indianapolis, Ind., and Hon. E. H. Morris of Chicago, Ill., inviting numerous colored citizens to attend a meeting to be held in Detroit, Mich., on the date aforementioned, and deliberate upon our (the colored citizens) present condition, and upon the principles and measures important to the welfare, progress and general improvement of the race. Pursuant to this invitation, several prominent gentlemen, both lay and professional, attended the conference, which, was held in the Second Baptist church, (colored) of the city of Detroit.

It has been urged as a reason why the conference and its proceedings were not engaged in by many prominent representative colored men, who were conspicuously absent, that said conference was not called by representative men of the race, and had for its motive some sinister political scheme. These mischievous representations doubtless caused many well disposed towards the conference to hesitate, and ultimately not to be present. Indeed the writer himself was not free from doubt, that unless the call was endorsed by certain names of colored men, who run current as sponsors for all that colored men should do, by way of amending their political, social and industrial condition, the conference would meet a hearty response. This error is now completely dispelled from my mind, and I gladly learn that the masses of colored people, like the masses of white, are now thinking for themselves, and have passed beyond the school of tutelage, by a few, for their own selfish ends. Notwithstanding the small attendance upon the conference, those present were earnest, zealous and capable, men engaged in the work of uplifting their race and defending the colored citizen from wrong and oppression as dealt out toward them by a cruel, relentless hate and prejudice, which is daily gnawing at the foundation of the social American fabric.

In the address of welcome to the members of the conference, as well as the address to the people of the country, the latter being prepared chiefly by the well-known scholar, Prof. R. T. Greener, the scope and plan of the Federation organized was laid out. The Federation was instituted by the conference and duly officered. The address to the people was by resolution forwarded to the United States Congress, now in session, and presented to the House by Hon. John B. Corliss, representative of the First district of Michigan. It received due recognition, and was referred to committee on petitions and memorials. It may be noted herewith that this, the first fruit of the Federation's labors after its organization, was marked as the first practical endeavor of any colored convention, or other assemblage of colored persons, since the struggle for the enactment of the Civil Rights Bill, championed by our lamented friend and defender of human rights, Hon. Chas. Sumner of Massachusetts. Already unfavorable comment has been made upon this presentation of the address to Congress, upon the ground that it will prove futile in effect. as petitions against the wrongs done us, especially the lynching of our colored brethren in the South, are futile. This criticism seems to me both short-sighted, and without proof. Investigation upon our present condition, as relating to the deprivation of our rights, as citizens, shows that the history of our condition is repeating itself. The argument used by the timid, as well as the wrongdoer against protection, sought for the Negro in the enjoyment of his civil and political rights, viz: his right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, was the argument used by the slaveholder, and the upholder of slavery, more than fifty years ago. It was then said that slavery was upheld by the Constitution of the United States, and was under the sovereign right of each state local, and the Federal government could not interfere. Its cruelty and wrong were admitted by many who saw no remedy until the Abolition Society exposed such fallacy, and showed it a national wrong and a disgrace. Then men began to see that "Am I my brother's keeper," was as unsafe a reply for the North as it was a denial of the sovereignty of human rights, declared in the language of divine utterance that "God had made all men of one blood to dwell upon the face of the earth." The wrong of slavery was then declared national, and not sectional. The spirit of the Constitution was invoked at the forum, in the pulpit and by the press, and to maintain national safety, the welfare of the Republic, and the preservation of the Union, from the destruction of slavery, men loyal to human rights and the right to life, liberty and the enjoyment of property, the right of trial by jury, and not by the slaveowner's lash, the right of locomotion and all the rights of citizens, (which comprised all men born within the United States, also duly naturalized citizens therein) for these gave their lives and their treasures.

Against the perpetuation of slavery, with all its horrors and wrongs, Congress was petitioned and petitioned until the Missouri Compromise was exposed in its treachery and fallacy—the Fugitive Slave Law combatted and made null and void, and slavery died in effect before the Civil War. It died in the opinion of the American mind, always loyal to the nation's welfare. It died under the potency of petitions from lovers of human rights and was only buried at Appomattox. A like condition is now before the American people, how much soever they may turn aside from it. Human slavery exists no more. The chains were forged and melted, when public opinion, as well as by his own loving heart of equal rights of men, the immortal Abraham Lincoln was led to issue his Proclamation of Freedom to four millions of slaves. But a slavery worse than that of human bondage, stalks forth in our land and threatens the welfare of our dear Republic. It is the deprivation of human life by one class of citizens of another—the denial of the Constitutional right of the governed, the destruction of law and order in the southern portion of our country, and the non-enforcement of the law of protection to human rights by courts prejudiced against a class, because of race and color. Is there any reader of history, and its events, who can fail to believe what the ultimate evil to our whole social fabric will be if these things continue? And yet we know that there are many, who do not know, and more who do not concern themselves about the condition of our national disorder. It is then the object of the National Federation of Colored Men of America, to bring before the American people through its organization this condition of affairs, and by petition and otherwise, to arouse public opinion as to the condition of the colored race of people in America, and to seek a remedy against the evils of lynching, the wrong of fraudulent elections and disfranchisement of thousands of voters who are citizens and taxpayers among the colored race in the South.

Let us briefly state the facts before the world. Four millions of our race of people were by proclamation and law, made free men and citizens, less than fifty years ago. During this period of freedom, despite many disadvantages and hindrances, the colored race of people have made such progress as to astonish the most doubtful of those who opposed their emancipation, and the rights and privileges conferred upon them, as futile in the possession of a so-called "inferior race." During this period, they have advanced in education, industry, morality and material progress. They have schools and colleges, supported and instructed solely by themselves. They have others, aided by the means of their white sympathizers in the North, who believe the education of the Negro is the duty of every lover of the welfare of his country, because ignorance in a nation is sin against good government. They have accumulated wealth in proportion to their advantages, and opportunity, paying it as stated, taxes in the states where slavery once existed to the amount of $124,000,000. But withal we are assailed as being bereft of the moral obligation of chastity and virtue, and given up in the South to the offense of outraging female chastity. The so-called just indignation for such offenses has shaped itself into what is commonly known as lynching, which is the summary, maiming and killing of Negroes by hanging and burning for such an alleged offense. Nay, more; as it appears at the time of my writing, the hideousness of lynching and its spread has extended to even the offense of simple larceny of property, of the value of not more than $5.00 as is seen in the offense of lynching a man, wife and his mother in South Carolina for the alleged stealing of a Bible of the value of $5.00. In pursuance of this claim of Negro barbarity, thousands of our brethren are yearly slaughtered, in defiance of law and order, by Southern white men, in total disregard of our Constitutional rights, and the welfare of civil society.

Not only are our lives without protection under the law, and our wives, our fathers, mothers and children taken from our homes and murdered without the oath of the accuser or the benefit of a trial by jury, but we are also denied our civil rights as citizens. The ballot in the hands of the Negro voter of the South looses its ancient character and high privilege as the freeman's bulwark and protection of his civil rights and becomes a mere bauble and political farce through fraudulent elections, ballot-box stuffing, ku-klux klans, and lastly through the more refined method of fraud as enacted under the late Constitution of South Carolina, whereby the Negro hater is made judge of the Negro's right, as an elector. This, the sum of all villanies and the refinement of political fraud, is now a part of the organic law of that state to which may be added the ignis fatus of mulcting the country in damages in which a person maybe taken from an officer and lynched—a remedy like that of sending the lamb to the wolf for nursing. Our right of locomotion is qualified and we are treated as a leper of society in travel, although we pay the same price for the same distance that a white person traveling is requested to pay. These are but a few of the wrongs done us, and the disadvantages under which we suffer in a country of our birth. The National Federation of Colored Men of America believes that we are suffering from a theory as well as a condition. That a large class of white people in our midst believe us an inferior race and that a crime committed by us, is different in its character from a crime committed by a white person. That we are unfit for the privilege of civilization and the political rights of government. That we are socially, morally and naturally different from the white brother and incapable of the civilization of the Anglo-Saxon race. I say in this we are confronted with a theory because none of these things charged against us will stand the test of proof and I challenge contradiction.

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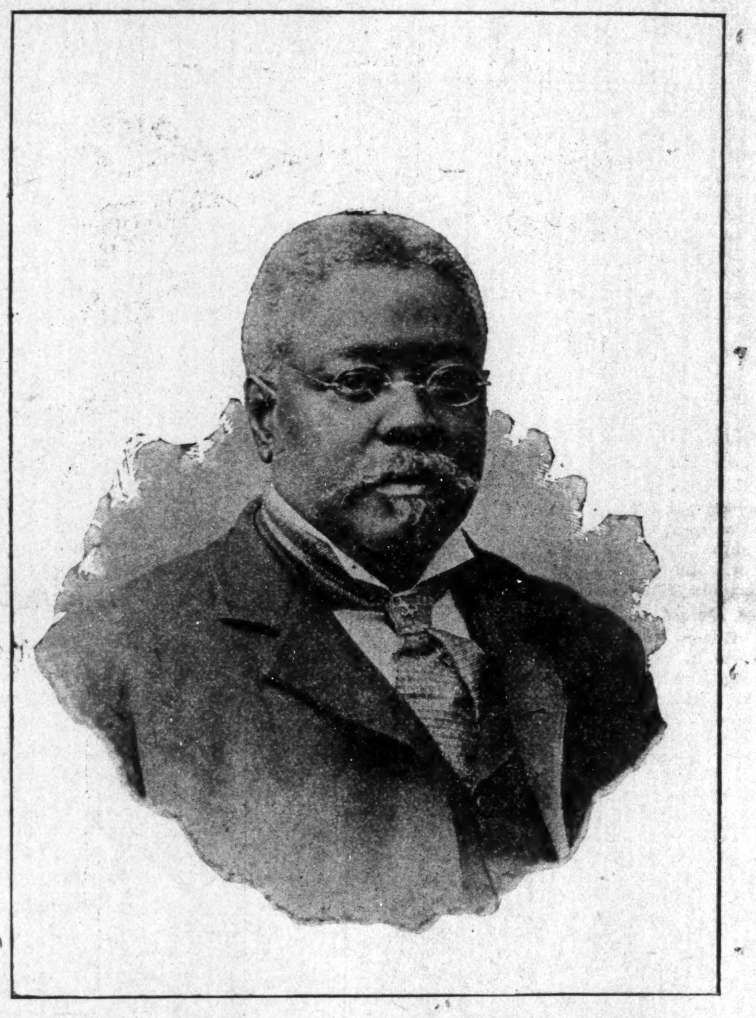

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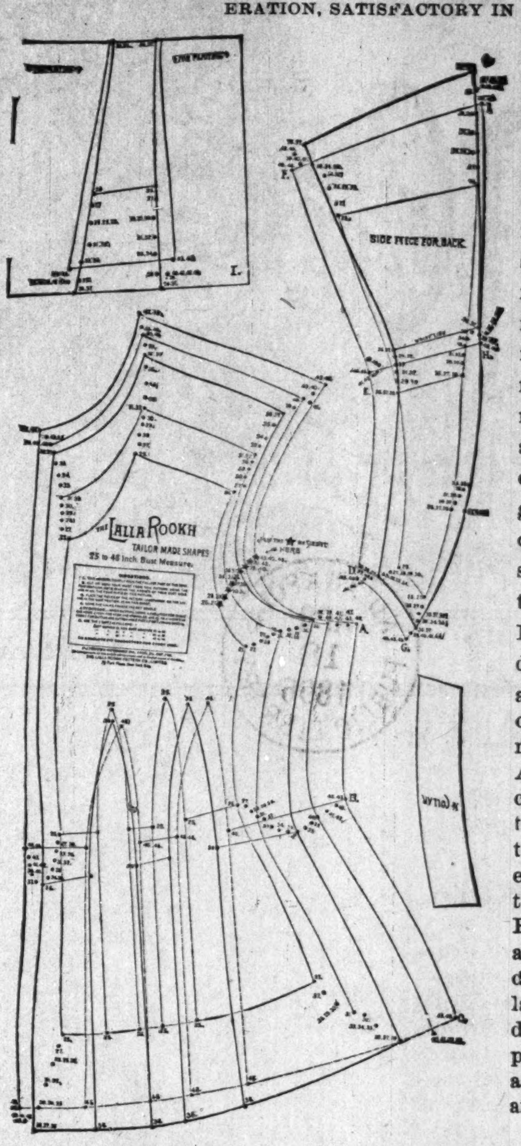

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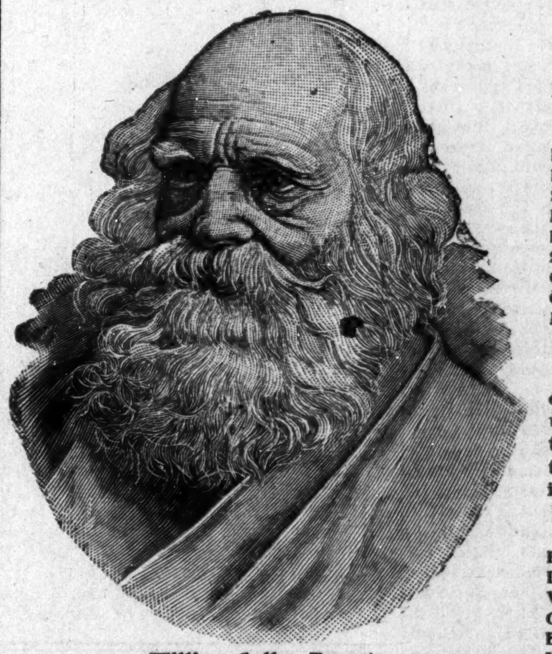

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Emerson put a great truth into few words when he wrote: "The knowledge that in the city is a man who invented the railroad, raises the credit of all the citizens. But enormous populations, if they be beggars, are disgusting, like moving cheese, like bills of ants or of fleas—the more, the worse."

It is the distinguished men and women of the race which wins for the Afro-American credit and respect. The very name of Douglass, Payne, Brown and others are to us what the illustrious names of her great men were to Greece. These men were a credit to both the race and the country. If we place our inferior men in high office, we must lose credit in public esteem.

Our Bishops should be men who would be perfectly at home in the parlor or dining room of the most aristocratic hotel or private residence. They should be men who would not lose their self-possession and dignity in the presence and company of the great and illustrious. They should be men who have so much real merit and minute refinement that they would not assume the pompous and super-dignified airs for which Negro butlers and preachers are noted in the humorous literature of the times. They should be men who have become so accustomed to high thought and noble company that they can be dignified and self-possessed, yet unassuming and self-contained in any presence and under any circumstances.

We have some men in high place who take off their hats and mop their foreheads even upon entering a public office to address a pompous clerk. We have other men, who, in the presence of white people, swagger and bulldoze, and show off authority until they become objects of utter disgust, but so dull are they as to regard the humorous reports of their conduct with pride.

Frederick Douglass was never undignified, and yet he was never guilty of absurb affectations. The same is true of Bishops Payne, Brown and Wayman. Such men have done untold good. At the present time there are men aspiring for high place who are not fit to be associates of the more cultured class of the race. Frederick Douglass was the most illustrious Afro-American of the past, and Booker T. Washington is the most highly esteemed Afro-American of the present. Frederick Douglass was honored for his personality, Prof. Washington is esteemed for his ideas. But in the past and present the two most illustrious men of the race had no great organization behind them. Both of these men have been guests in circles of either race to which some of our great, pompous potentates could never gain entrance.

Bishop Turner, with all his rugged, blunt speech and ways, has been honored and respected in the company of some of the most distinguished people of two continents. I have seen him in the presence of some of the greatest dignitaries of our land, and he is perfectly self-possessed and natural, and always wins the most respectful treatment. Where a perfumed and bowing dude would be treated as a valet, he is treated as a foreign chieftain; where a pompous and pretentious swell-head would be laughed at, his sturdy naturalness challenges admiration. He is not of the type for whom parlor doors glide open, but he is of the type to which the stern, practical men of affairs bow in respect. The gift of a few passes would not iduce him to ride contentedly in a Jim Crow car and silence his voice from championing the rights of an outraged people. While Bishop Turner is as rough as an old Roman warrior, yet he is as loyal and as fearless. While he lacks gentility he does not lack sterling manhood. He is not spiteful and vindictive; he is not little and mean and sneaking. He may blunder like an elephant, but he is bold as a lion. Prof. Washington represents the type after which the proud white man would model the race; Bishop Turner is of the type that would change the white man's opinion of the race and win for it his respect. Bishop Turner rides rough shod over discipline and law and boldly and openly does that which so many more sanctimonious persons do in secret that they dare not call him to time. If he showed a disregard for law in sending a bigamist to Africa, others have so trampled upon law in secret that they dare not vindicate it openly.

This very act of the queer Bishop has done untold good by awakening his church to a consciousness of its secret sins. Suppose that the authorities of the church were rash and reckless enough to undertake to discipline the bold old Roman? What? Why, good gracious man ——! Bishop Turner will live out his days in peace. Bishop Tanner says: "God has made Bishop Turner senior." "What then?" "Let us pray." This is a solution of the difficulty that seems to be very popular. Of course if some poor young preacher happens to unite too frankly or too plainly, it is just the right thing to cuss him or to kill him, but if it is Bishop Turner the case is different. Well, the course that is taken is wise. The very fact that we were so conditioned that we dared not take high ground and bold action teaches a lesson that will not be in vain. When the General Conference met at Indianapolis it is said that a leading member of the famous investigating committee had been one of the gayest participants in the nocturnal scenes that were under censure. Of course the committee discovered that the unfavorable rumors were infamous lies. But those days are past. Men are not to be judged by what they pretend to be or what they have been, but for what they actually are. I intend to vote for a man whom I denounced a few years ago. Why? Because he is now a good man. There is such a thing as repentance and reformation or else religion is a farce. I intend, if necessary, to denounce a man who a few years ago, lead off in a high moral crusade against an evil doer. Why? Because this man is corrupt now and is unfit for honorable place.

If Bishop Turner is called to time for his open and bold disregard of the discipline, then others should also be called to the bar for sneaking and evasive transgressions. There is no time like the present for repentance. While wisdom may dictate great prudence about handling past offences, righteous repentance would exact that great care be taken to exalt no unrepentant sinner The A. M. E. church being the only church of the race that dares openly to confess its faults is, therefore, the most advanced of any in the work of reformation and improvement. The man who can at least turn up his nose reveals by the act that he is aware of the stench while the man of placid face betrays an unconsciousness of his foul atmosphere. The former will be the first to throw open the window and let in fresh air. The other organizations which have been chuckling at the discomfitures of our church and wearing a look of serene superiority will be filled with consternation when they reach a higher point of view and contemplate themselves. We disturb them not for our duty is to our own door-yard. The world has learned to know that the great A. M. E. church is going forward in her moral ideas and her religious life. Once the adulterer could go free while his accuser was invariably punished. It is not so now. There is a vast majority who voice high sentiments. The man who comes the nearest being just and right, open bold and honest will be the most highly esteemed. Those who apologize for sin and white wash crime are held in contempt. Those who would shun the punishment of present guilt by attempting to menace others with past offences will hang on their own gallows. A good and true man would neither deny a repented sin nor permit it to turn him from present duty. He whose ambition is stronger than his sense of duty; whose love of contentment is mightier than his love of right is not a hero, is not even a good man.

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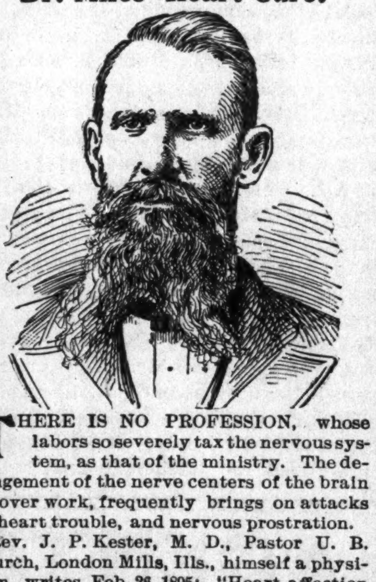

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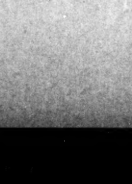

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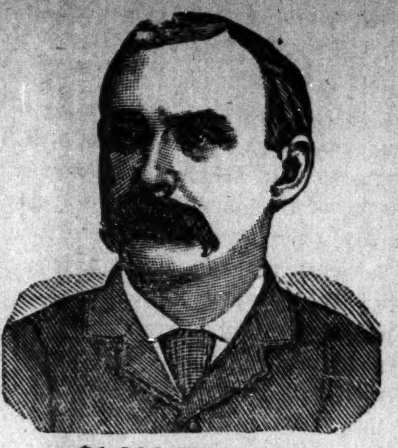

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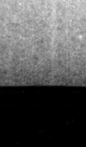

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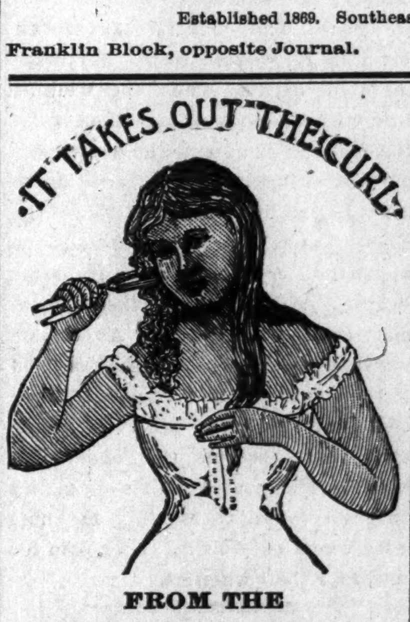

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VAGARIES.

Bruce Grit maintains that Negroes as a rule are never willing to recognize greatness in any of the members of the race unless forced to do so by a concensus of opinion on the part of the white people. He cites the case of Frederick Douglass, showing that proper esteem for him was shown by the white people and perforce by the Negroes. Just what disposition this is, is not certainly known. It may be be jealousy, presumption or a product of the two. It rather looks as if it is a product. Thousands of Negroes saw nothing in Frederick Douglass to admire; to them he was a Negro still. Is the tendency inherent or acqnired? That the tendency is prevalent admits of no argument. It has been painfully manifest in the few months past in the case of Prof. Washington. It is not necessary to go near so far for an example. From the very widespread tendency of the evil the conclusion is that it is inherent. Just what form the tendency would protrude itself in a native African is not known and doubtless would be a good subject for ethnologists. Doubtless some will discover a gleam of pessimism in the thoughts advanced, and cite other races in refutation as to a distinctive characteristic trait. It may be purely imaginative as to the existence of this trait to an excessive degree. But it is the hue and cry of the race and it is charged with it by the other races who are spectators.

The case of Booker T. Washington is very much in evidence. It took considerable energy to compel the race to give him his proper rating. The obstinacy displayed by some of the press was picturesque if nothing more. The "white" press the world over had much to say in behalf of the new candidate for fame. It may be set down as well nigh axiomatic, that he who cannot accord praise to greatness cannot be great. As to Mr. Washington's theory he is eminently correct. A theory that advocates an extreme classical education to the displacement of the industrial is fallacious and is pregnant with mischief. Most especially does this apply to the toiling masses of Negroes who ramify this country. It is consonant with all constructions, whether nations or edifices;commence at the bottom. Begin at the beginning. It is very well for Boston that has passed through the maelstrom to study the classics. The Indians do not now bivouac in her thoroughfares, nor is the minute man doing duty.

But the hurly burly of the times would hardly permit the same time for reflection on the borders of civ lization. The arts would not cultivate there. The inviolable rule is that States begin to decay before the cultivation of the finer arts sets in. Probably literal decay is not meant; but States must become old and secure at least. Nations cannot be built successfully from the top. It is not indicative of sound judgement, if one builds up to an unknown quality. Such a condition exists when the race joins the madding crowd and chases the will-o' the-wisp,known as the classics, or the heights of intellectual attainments. It is building to an unknown quantity if the ends are not in mind. The ends of such education by the masses must result in deplorable failures. Africa is dealing with just such a problem. Higher education has unfitted hundreds of the denizens of that far away land for work. They are taken to England, given collegiate educations, and they forever turn their backs upon the poor Bushman, his kinsman. An education is an indispensable quantity in a country like this. But it should be a common education, reserving the university courses to the few. Its a vast expenditure of money and energy to push a child through a college that he may adorn the industrial end of some mansion. Far better it would have been had that parent not denied herself quite so much in many cases in order to educate an ingrate. The old aphorism that all toil is honorable is hated and with much cause, when evidences of flight from toil is manifest. Yet toil is preferable to a precarious existence by living on one's wits. Again it is common to see and hear young theologians dabbling in greek and latin when their Chaucer and McCauley needs attention. This mistake on the part of the Negro is proverbial; his penchant for words of the Johnsonsonian type is universal. To educate from the farms to city life is an error.

A few years ago there was an exodus from South Carolina to the state of Indiana; the great bulk of the emigrants settling in the vicinity of Indianapolis. They were typical farmers and country people. The wealthy farmers of this community saw in them the ideal workman, and employed them to a man. School houses were built especially for their children, teachers employed, and a good term of school given. Prosperity such as they never enjoyed was theirs. They were too close to the city. They had the freedom of the vehicles and horses. Old curiosity prompted them to go in and see. Veni, vidi and they were conquered. What is the condition today? Those Negroes, in poetical language,left the plowshare to rust in the unfurrowed fields and joined the mazy march of a great city's ways. They left comfortable homes, good employment, and excellent opportunities. Those school houses specially created, are tenantless and teachers are gone. The country has settled down to its wonted ways. No lusty-throated darkies make the welkins ring with their quaint melodious song. But singular to narrate the white people are still there. Perchance death has made an invasion lopping off the head of an old sire, but there is the appanage or the heirs of some degree, still holding their own, matters not what betides. As to those whom were thrown pearls: they hied to the city and with what result? They could not stand the pace. As a rule they have become the underlying strata. They came with a simplicity that gives rise to cupidity in those with whom they dealt. They paid too much for their whistles.

Judge Albion W. Tourgee, who has been for years such a staunch friend of the Negro, has again given expression to his undying devotion to the Negroes' interest in the preparation of the Ohio Anti-Lynching Bill which was introduced in the legislature by Hon. H. C. Smith, who with Parham and Stewart championed its passage. By the united effort of these individuals this bill has become a law of the commonwealth of Ohio. The main feature of the new law is, that the country wherein the offense is committed, shall be held responsible. Ohio is remarkable for several things this year.

The move to establish a home for ex-slaves in Texas is a move in the right direction. It is more likely that the government would aid an institution of so laudable a nature than to pension ex-slaves.

HENDERSON FOR THE BOOK CONCERN.

Rev. T. W. Henderson, D. D., of this city, is a candidate for the managership of the Book Concern of the A. M. E. church. Dr. Henderson's career in the city of Indianapolis has been one worthy of emulation. The re-erecting of Bethel church under his administration in the face of objections by those who loved tradition for tradition sake, was a distinct epoch in church affairs of this city. The phenomenal growth of the church has proven the wisdom of his innovations. The same zealous care that marked his methods in augmenting the church, is discernable in all his relations, whether to society or in business affairs. Such a character will be a valuable acquisition to any department of the church work. His executive ability is not exceeded by his intellectual attainments. Amid his successes since he has been in this city, he has ever been the same genial Dr. Henderson.

TILLMAN IN THE SADDLE.

Ben Tillman, of South Carolina, is in the "saddle" en route to Denver to look after the silver tail of his party. He stopped in Lexington, Ky., just long enough to make a speech, as he was in a hurry. But the unterrified heard of the chiefest apostle of them all and the hills teemed with the populace, pouring out to meet the Hon. Ben. He spoke to about fifteen hundred of them in the strains of an anarchist—damning all existing forms of government, Grover, Carlisle, et al. He reached a climax when he declared he would never support the pair again. The crowd threw up their sweaty caps and the hills reverberated their lusty yells. He told them to their teeth that Kentucky must be purified, and that she was like a whited sepulchre; beautiful to behold, but full of dead men's bones—an illusion to the political deaths in the late senatorial matinee, it may be opined. The crowd cheered again. But when with withering scorn, he pointed his prophetic finger to the minarets, spires and domes of the classic city of Louisville, and asked them not to read the reliable old Courier-Journal, that code-dehonor, the creation of the picturesque Watterson, but to read the Cincinnati Enquirer, the populace could scarcely contain themselves for very joy. They stamped their feet, clapped their unclean hands and shouted great is allah; and Ben Tillman is his prophet. He has a return engagement if he is not buncoed. But that's his game—political buncoing.

The Boston Journal speaks enthusiastically of Dr. S. E. Courtney, of that city, who has been selected as one of the four alternates to the St. Louis convention. But some danger may be suspected where we possess delight, is applicable in this instance. The Journal, after eulogizing the distinguished young man, hopes that he will have influence with the 104 Southern delegates; swinging them around for Reed. The Journal takes especial pains to inform the South that he is a Southerner, and that he is of Tuskegee, Washington's Institution, and a good many more seductive hints. Taking it all in all, the bait is well laid.

Grant S. Neal, traveling representative of the Indianapolis Freeman, of Indiana, arrived in the city recently. The Freeman is one of the leading Afro-American journals in the United States, and we are glad to know that our people are beginning to read the journals of the race. While we are doing business in these parts, we have no objections to others doing likewise. Mr. Neal was the guest of the editor during his stay in the city. —Victoria (Tex.) Guide.

The ex-slave agitation is still on. Little Rock, Ark., has entertained a convention that adopted resolutions praying that this government do pension all ex-slaves over forty years of age, and the heirs of ex-slaves. It is needless to say the report was unanimously adopted.

The Columbia Sentinel, a splendid looking sheet, is a new-comer to this office. It hails from Washington, D. C., and from its hearty appearance, bids fair to make things hum in the chosen city. W. W. Taylor is editor.

The Texas Freeman thinks that McKinley's cause in Texas suffered from bad management. Hon. N. W. Cuney, the Negro leader, is for Allison. He claims fourteen delegates for him, ten being conceded to Reed.

Hon. Geo. W. Murray has been sustained in his contention for a seat in the House. Mr. Murray is a Negro of South Carolina, and the only one in the Congressional body of this country. He is a Republican.

Information comes to us that Rev. Johnson is popular with the Arkansas ministers, and that he will get the vote of the delegates from that state.

Africa is said to be aroused from Cairo to the Cape of Good Hope. England has no cheering information from Soudan.

The Americus Pen, of Americus, Ga., is a new journalistic venture. Here's to it—long may it live!

The nerve of W. F. Yardley, of Tennessee, a colored man, is commendable. He is out for Governor.

Died at the Age of 106 Years.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Special.

Mrs. Sophia Newman mother of Mrs. Henry Daugherty died at their home on Leond street last week. She was one of the oldest residents of Chattanooga, and was 106 years old. The funeral services was conducted by Rev. Zeigler. The bereaved family have the sympathy of their many friends. Mrs. Ella Fralix and her little sister, Viola, were in the city last week to the funeral services of their grandmother. They returned to Dalton a few days since. Rev. J. E. Smith spent several days in Nashville this week. Dave Butler returned last week from a visit to see his mother in Rome, Ga. Dr. O. W. James and R. W. Allen had their soda water opening on Easter Sunday with C. E. Newton at the front. They have the best accommodations for colored people in the city, and are ready to exert every effort to please their patronage. The leap year entertainment at the First Baptist church last week was quite an enjoyable affair, both socially and financially. Dr. J. R. Dickson, one of our most skilled physicians, and who has been here about nine months will leave this week to practice in Jackson, Tenn. While we regret very much indeed to loose him, he has our best wishes for success in his new field. Mrs. Mary Mars will leave this week to spend several weeks with her mother in knoxville. C. E. Newton was on the sick list a few days last week, but is able to be out again. Subscribers please pay up your subscription as it is past due. Leave news items at Dr. O. W. James and R. W. Allen's drug company, 403 W. Ninth street. Mrs. Streeter was quite ill last week but she is much better.

A Leap Year Party.

Lincoln, Neb., Special.

United States Senator Jno. M. Thurston, and our colored representative, Dr. M. O. Ricketts, spoke on Tuesday night to a large audience at Funcke's opera house. The colored clubs, Golden Rule and Republican League, turned out in a body. The Valiant Soldier's club have $9.00 in treasury for church purposes. The Recherche Social club, composed of the elite of the city, is making rapid strides in the literary arena. W. Robt. B. Alexander's business address is now 802 P. street. Rev. Lewis of the North Missouri Conference, after a pleasant visit with wife and friends returned to his charge. The colored Baptists gave a very creditable and profitable leap year party on Easter Monday evening. The A. M. E. Valiant Soldiers gave a luncheon at the church on Easter Monday evening which was well appreciated. Mesdames Williams, Carnahan, Phillips, Alexander and Mr. Lloyd are reported as convalescent. L. L. Linsey goes as district delegate to the St. Louis National Convention. Mrs. Shipman entertained the Recherche with much pomp at her residence, on C and Eighth streets last Wednesday night. Mrs. Austin Curtis will entertain next Thursday evening at her residence, Nineteenth and H streets. The Valiant Soldiers were delightfully entertained at the residence of Mrs. Robinson, B and Eleventh street by Miss Lizzie Ross Thursday night. Mrs. Chinn will entertain next Thursday evening at her residence, Twelfth and O streets. The Dramatic Club will give a jubilee at the A. M. E. church Monday evening. Rev. W. J. Toliver is contemplating a visit to Missouri in the near future. A. J. Saunders is suffering from an abcess on his neck.

Will Have a May Festival.

Fayetteville, Tenn., Special.

Prof. James Green will close his school about the first of May. The Teachers' Institute convenes again on the 18th inst. The following progressive teachers show special interest in the work: Mr. S. M. Summerford, Prof. James Green. Mr. Hall, Misses Mamie G. Hoffman, Mary McDaniel, E. Dobbins, Bettie L. Todd and Tilithy Carlise. A straw hat fete will take place at the A. M. E.church on the 18th. A handsome prize will be awarded the most handsome straw hat. Mr. Willie Bonner died on the 8th after a brief illness. He leaves a widow. Funeral services were conducted at the A. M. E. church, Rev. J. A. Jones officiated. The A. M. E's. are preparing for a May Festival to take place some time in May. The Lincoln High school class party will be held at the residence of Rev. J. A. Jones. Miss Pearl Hayes is said to be the finest elocutionist in town. The Lincoln Literary program was very good last meeting. Mary Willie and Flossy Alexander sang sweetly to the delight of all. The debate "Resolved That the Press is more Beneficial to man than the Locomotive,' was delivered in favor of the affirmative. Mr. Naz Hall is a good debater.

Easter Program Rendered.

Little Rock, Ark., Special.

The Easter program by the Y. P. V. at the First Baptist church was rendered by the following persons: Mrs. J. P. Robinson, Prof. J. A. Booker, Miss L. Isam, Miss Virginia Armstead, Prof. J. A. Phillips, Miss C. C. Gee, Dr. F. B. Coppin, Prof. G. H. W. Stewart, W. Whittmore, A. Ish, Miss F. Lacy, Miss M. Reedus, Mrs. N. Walker, Miss M. Armstrong, Prof. D. G. Cook, Joe Davis, and Mrs. Geo. E. Jones. The Epworth League of Wesley Chapel gave an excellent program. Bishop Turner give a good lecture at Bethel church. The W. C. F. and J. Cafe has opened here. The Association at Bethel church is drawing large crowds every Sunday. Their Easter program was the best yet rendered.

Republican Ticket Elected.

Lansing, Mich., Special.

The A. M. E. church expects to pay all its indebtedness in the near future, after which a grand jubilee will be given. The social given by the ladies Wednesday evening was a success socially and financially. Receipts about $8.00. A quilt was sold netting them an additional $7.00. Special services were held at the Zion Baptist church Sunday evening. Papers were read by Miss Myrtle Salspaugh and Miss Elnora Healand. Ethel Walker gave a recitation. The duet by Miss Crawford and Miss Jones was well rendered. The choir also gave several selections. The Ascension and Rock of Ages were presented by tableaus. The church was beautifully decorated.

Nearly the entire Republican ticket was elected in this city Monday. Several Afro-Americans are candidates for the appointive offices. Without the colored vote the Republicans could not have won. Charles Dyer, of Aurora, Ill., was in the city Monday. At the election in Calvin Township, Cass Co., Henry C. Newsome was elected treasurer; A. R. Byrd, clerk; Winters Harris, highway commissioner; James Aitken, justice of the peace; Robert Dungey, Milton Burnett, and A. G. Haithcox, constables; John W. Day, member board of review. In Porter Township, F. C. Cannady was elected highway commissioner.

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Shelbyville, Tenn., Special.

Rev. Mrs. B. A. J. Nixon is on the sick list. Rev. J. A. Davis of St. John's church, Nashville, was in the city the 7th inst., and addressed the pupils of Turner college. It was able, logic and learned. Profs. R. P. Purdy and J. C. McAdams are both teaching, as Mrs. J. C. McAdams is sick. Mrs. Dan Blakemore and daughters are very much pushed with sewing for the spring. Anderson Smith has just returned from Petersburg, where he spent a few days. Albert Frierson, a fine young man, was married to Miss Kate L. Fagleman, a beautiful young lady. Both are of the first families. Miss Gennie McChristian, of St. Louis, is spending a few weeks with her mother. The entertainment given by Miss E. J. Little was very grand. Rev. W. T. Rickman preached a very able sermon to the Daughters of Zion on the 5th inst. Their subject was Revelation. It was a success Rev. B. A. J. Nixon left for his work on the 11th. The Sunday school, under Superintendent B. P. Thompson, acted grand at Mt. Zion Baptist church. Miss A. M. Carmack, who returned from Atlanta, Ga., upon the death of her sister, is at the bedside of her mother, who is not expected to live. Miss Fannie Frazier was buried on the 5th, inst. The schools are in a good condition. Get The Freeman at W. H. Gosling's store.

In Behalf of Mississippi.

We know Mr. Editor that every intelligent minister of the A. M. E. Connection is aware of the fact that Mississippi has done and is still doing her part in the spiritual and financial work of our great church ever since their organization. Mississippi has always remembered her sister states, and has never failed to come to their rescue when called upon, and we now appeal to those who have received assistance from the great "Valley State," to come over into Masadonia and help us." Help us to help each other Lord." "Honor to whom honor is due." Some of the leading ministers of the Mississippi Conference met in Grenada, Miss., July 22nd, 1895, and made their choice for the Bishopric, and Dr. O. P. Ross, D. D., of Matchez, Miss., was choosen unanimously, and we ask the co-operation of our sister states in electing our choice next May. And we will assure you that Mississippi will retaliate at the first opportunity. Dr. Ross is a man that's full of holy ghost and well educated, with years of experience and has left "his footprints on the sands of time," in the Conferences in which he has labored.

Mississippi has done enough for the church to merit a man on the honorable bench of Bishops. Dr. Ross is Dean of the ministerial Institute, secretary and treasurer of the Trustees Board of J. P. Campbell College. We would like to see Dr. Ross elected to the Bishopric next May. He is a man of God and would fill the position with honor to the A. M. E. church, and the humblest minister could approach him. Dear Brethren we hope you are in sympathy with Mississippi's first undertaking; in God and our brothren we trust. Dr. Ross is generally known throughout the connection. We need in my judgment four more Bishops to travel and look after the interest of the church. I think, it would be wise to place all of our publications under one management with editors in their respective places working under one general head. The discipline of the church ought to be renewed, our financial system ought to be looked after for the good of the church.

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editoral which appeared in the "News and Courrier" we find the following sentiment uttered: "Let the Negro feel he is a part of the community or neighborhood and having an interest there he will not be so ready or anxious to leave it. Make him feel and realize his manhood, his full citizenship and he will prove himself the same true ally as he was in the days of war when all was dark, when the father, brother, and son assumed the duties of a soldier, leaving all that was dear (home) the tender loving wife, that chaste virtuous daughter, all to the mercy of the Negro, did he ever betray his trust then? No, then deal kindly, show mercy, exercise equal justice and you will find in him the same true friend."

ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY OF THE NEGRO'S FIDELITY.

When the learned and eloquent Dr. Wm. Decker Johnson electrified the General Conference of Southern Methodists, so well did he call forth the better sentiments of Southern hearts that the learned and logical Bishop McTyeire responded thus: "You touch our hearts when you appeal to us as a witness to your fidelity in the past. I speak deliberately, for myself and for all these—though strangers have intermeddled, and have alienated and misled you as toward us—yet, toward you as a people we have nothing but the kindest feeling. (Great applause.) Against you as a people, we have nothing to complain—nothing. (Renewed applause.)

There is not a man or woman here over thirty years of age who can think of the happy childhood without thinking pleasantly and kindly of the colored people. (Applause.) Their faces and memories mingle with the scenes. Why, time was with me, and I dare say with us all, when it was hard to tell whether we loved the white mother or the black mammy more. (Laughter and applause.)

In the trying time, we well remember it—you touched the hearts of the people when you spoke of it—we left not only fields and herds in your care, but wives and children.

You were faithful to the great trust. (Voices, "that is so." Great cheering and much tenderness.) No sentinel ever stood guard over our homes and helpless families more faithfully than you did. (Applause.) I repeat it—whatever strangers may have done, and friends falsely so called—we have no cause for complaint against you.

Rev. Dr. Callaway, a native of Georgia, and a Confederate, says: "The Negro's relations to us as a friend during the war, and to our wives and children as a guardian, the testimony of his fidelity is on the lips of every surviving soldier. The Negro commanding as a patriarch and reverent as a priest kept sacred vigils at our homes. He provided for their wants. 'He fed them.' The conduct of the Negro during the war proves him kindly, temperate, trustworthy; his conduct since the war reveals in him considerateness, purpose, capacity, an order of growing good qualities. He needs help. He deserves it. He needs sympathy."

COMPLAINTS AGAINTS THE CONDUCT OF THE LABOR ELEMENT.

But the condition must be changed if you are to change the conduct. Extreme poverty and crime go hand in hand; destitution multiplies temptation and destroyes the finer feelings. The bodies and minds of men, sometimes are very apt to be dressed alike; if the body is covered with rags, self respect is gone. The planters must realize the fact, that by paying the true value for labor it puts a premium upon the crops which are raised by him, by the constant undervaluing of honest labor, brings about a gulf between the employer and the employee. A gulf that will grow wider and wider. One will depend upon cunning, the other force.

It is a great question; can this state of things continue with hope of prosperity? No, no, the need of better understanding between the Southern farmers and the colored laborer is glaring. The low price which is paid the Negro for his labor is the chief cause of so many to be found in the clutches of the law.

All the Negro asks is, an equal share in the race of life. If this is accorded him, he will transmit a pure piety and masculine virtue to his children from whom must come our representatives. Our scholar will bring his lore; the merchant his enterprise and wealth; the man of letters his refinement; the artesian his skill; the mechanic his plodding energy; the agriculturist his industry and every effort will be put forth to deepen the tone of morals among the coming generation, thereby cultivating the sense of personal honor and manly integrity.

Quietly Married.

Clarendon, Ark., Special.

Easter was a grand day at the A. M. E. church. Rev. A. C. Johnson preached a very sterring sermon on Easter. At 3 o'clock the exercises were as follows: Singing by the school, "What a friend we Have in Jesus;" prayer by the pastor; singing by the choir; opening address by W. H. Van Buren, "What is to-day;" recitation by three little girls; singing by the little folks; paper by J. G. Walker, subject, "Foreign Mission;" recitation by a class of eight little girls and boys; solo by James Moore; singing by the school; recitation by class number three and four; essay by Mrs. Johnson; paper by James Moore subject, "Who Should Celebrate Easter;" singing by a class of little girls;" missionary collection and singing; closing remarks by the pastor. Rev. Turner, of Mississippi, is in posession of the A. M. E. church until Rev. A. C. Johnson returns. He is doing good work in a revival. Miss Georgia Wright and Miss H. C. Roberts spent a very pleasant trip at Holy Grove Ark., and Indian Bay, visiting friends and relatives. Rev. W. H. Williams is at Searcy Springs for his health. Miss Ala Canby after a visit to Little Rock, returned last Saturday. E. F. Berry and Miss Richardson left here on the 9th, accompanied by W. M. Orr, Mr. Kenchen, H. C. Allison and T. L. Sanders, for Pine Bluff where they were quietly married at the residence of Mrs. Holly by Rev. King. Miss Richardson is one of Mississippi's best young ladies, while Mr. Berry is one of Clarendon's best and weathiest young men. They have the best wishes of all. Mr. White, brother of A. J. White, was in the city from Palmer, where he has recently settled. Don't forget our May picnic about the first.

Jotts and Dotts From Cairo.

Cairo, Ill., Special.

A lumber firm has just completed a plant at the cost of $15,000. Milling and lumber business are the main industries here. The young people of the A. M. E. church organized with the aid of their pastor, Rev. B. W. Stewart, a literary society about two weeks ago that bids fair to be a great benefit. The last two meetings were largely attended and the program was well rendered. The third quarterly meeting took place the 12th of April. Rev. Stewart will have over one hundred new additions this quarter, largest perhaps in the history of the church. Rev. W. H. Chambers is presiding elder. The Rev. of the Baptist church and Rev. Allison is in a great rally. Rev. Kelley of the Free-will Baptist church had a large number last Sunday. He was assisted in his revial by Rev. Mr. Beil of the C. M. E. church. A political palavor is boiling in local affairs. Aldermen are to be elected in all wards. Amos is running in the fonrth ward and is believed he will have success.

Song Service Held.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Special.

Song services were held at the A. M. E. church. The choir rendered several nice pieces for this occasion. Essay, "Prospects and Prosperity," by Mrs. Amos Stewart; reading by Miss Booth; essay, "Easter its Origin and Why it is Celeb a ed" Mrs. C. F. Ridgley; music by the choir; reading, "Blessed are the Pure in Heart," Mrs. Birtha Weldon; song by the choir; reading, "The Introduction and Growth of the Negro Race" S. Y. Jones. Hattie Bates, wife of Aaron Bates, died Saturday. She leaves four children to mourn her loss. The funeral was held at the A. M. E. church Tuesday at 2 o'clock. Rev. Farrier officiated, buried at Riverside. C. L. Stewart of Benton Harbor, has moved his family to the city. G. B. Grayson of Windsor, Ont., is in the city. Rev. A. Isabell of Indianapolis, preached at the Second Baptist church Sunday. Rev. G. Martin of South Bend, is in the city. Miss Lydia Day of Benton Harbor, was the guest of Mrs. A. Stewart Sunday. A number of friends gathered at the home of Thomas Woodford to celebrate his nineteenth birthday.

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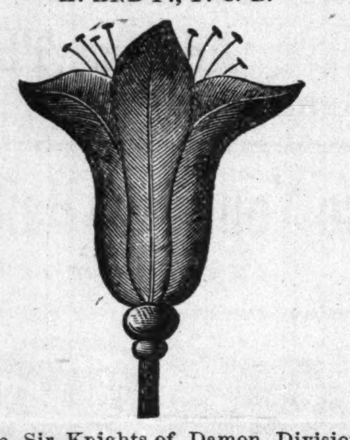

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Mrs. M. Moten is quite sick. Fred Jones is back from Toledo. George Artist is mending slowly. Mrs. J. H. Roberts is suffering with dropsy. St. Paul Chapter met Tuesday night. Fred Gresham has returned to Wayne from Michigan where he was taken when sick. The city conventions have been held and all delegates chosen on both tickets. We know what the present administration has done for us.

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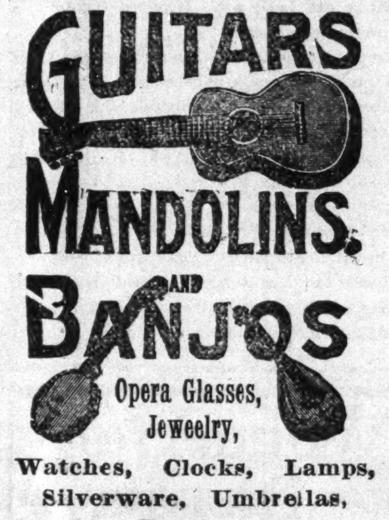

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Making History—The Approach of the General Conference Looked Forward too with Much Interest—A Word for the Bishops.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

The African Methodist Episcopal church is a great and powerful body, and stands as high in the estimation ot the christian world as any other evangelic organization. Its bishops and other leaders are everywhere accorded the highest distinction. The prominent part it took in that wonderful parliment of Religions at Chicago, must ever stand out as one of the brightest chapters in the history of the World's Columbian Exposition. All this fastens upon that church a corresponding responsibility for the salvation of the race and the world. God has ordained that responsibilities increase with immunities and opportunities.

All this time all eyes are turned upon the African Methodist Episcopal church, because within a few days, it will meet in its quadrennial General Conference to elect bishops, general officers and make laws for its more than half a million of members occupying a territory which belts the globe. The approaching General Conference will be of vital importance to this church. The action of Negro conferences and assemblies are reviewed more carefully, and the keen knife of criticism is applied more unsparingly than before. This shows that the Negro is being admitted right along into the ranks of history-making peoples. It is well to note too that apologies which heretofore were accepted are no longer admissable. The Negro is thrown upon his own intellectual, moral and industrial resources. Therefore, the approaching conference at Wilmington, N. C., is one of more than ordinary importance to the race, and especially to the African Methodist church.

The wisdom displayed by this church heretofore, in the selections of bishops, selection of general officers. making of laws etc., is so worthy of note that no unbiased mind can predict other than good results from the Wilmington Conference. Some of the conferences have been stormy, but there has always been in reserve a check upon hasty and unworthy final action. And this reserve power is greater in that church to-day, than ever before notwithstanding the demise of several wise leaders. Intelligent discretion is more generally diffused among the men who are selected as delegates and I have every reason to hope for conservative action and the best results. If they have made mistakes in the past, it is but fair to say, that thier deliberations and final decisions have been in harmony with the enlightenment of the times in which they acted.

In the matter of electing their general officers, they have been no less fortunate than sister church organizations. They have had no failures! True, some of these officers have been literally vivisected by cruel and malicious and envious persons, still these officers have pursued the even tenor of their way, faithfully, competently discharging their duties.

In electing bishops not a mistake has been made. The men have all been good and true men. It is worthy of note that the predicted failures have about all turned out most brilliant successes. At this point I might speak briefly of the eight living bishops, taking them up in the order of their excellence, and all-round-fitness for the officers. Taking into consideration every qualification for the bishopric, from the Bible point of view as well as the requirements for lifting up the race, and giving character and tone to the Episcopal Bench and dignity and moral and business coloring to the ministry, in my opinion, the African Methodist Episcopal bishops should be rated as follows:

(1.) Abram Grant, D.D., in addition to his many other sterling qualities ranks first on account of the highest quality of a bishop, that is to touch men and not make them sore. Wherever he goes he scatters the roses of sunshine and love. He binds up and heals wounds and is, indeed, Christ-like. His brethren all love him as a tender and loving father. He rules in love, and thus builds up along all lines. Only in this benign government does he excel the senior bishop.

(2.) Henry M. Turner, D. D. L. L. D, made senior bishop by the death of Bishop Wayman, would easily take first rank if he had Bishop Grant's gentle and soothing touch In all other respects there can be no doubt that he stands easily head and shoulders above the other members of the bench. Bishop Turner is a remarkable man, wonderful product of his age. He is a thinker. He projects though far into the future, far ahead of his companions, and thus he is called erratic fanatic, crazy. Columbus, Luther and other men who have thought ahead of their times have been so styled. Fanatics and skeptics are only people who differ from us. That's all. Those who did not wish to see this grand man made senior bishop will live to be disappointed in their unkind predictions. Viewing him from any stand point, he is the greatest man of the race living to-day. He will not begin to live until he is dead.

(3) Benjamin W. Arnett, D. D., easily takes the third place. He is a typical Negro, and represents the possibilities of the race as no other man on the bench does. He is a man of magnetic power, but does not shine as a bishop as well as he does as a man and citizen, and champion of the cause of his people.

(4) M. B. Salters, D. D., without doubt, would rank fourth. He is a man of many good parts for his office. He has decision, common sense, and christian fervor.

(5) Wesley J. Gaines, D. D., I think, should be accorded fifth place, for he has stamped upon him nature's own mark of a man. There are more things, in his make up, for him than against him. The fact that he has done so much with his opportunities, and especially as a minister of God, points to him as a worthy man for the office which he fills with so much credit to his church and himself. He has fervor but it is on just a little lower plain than those mentioned above.

(6) Benjamin T. Tanner, D. D., B. F. Lee D. D., and J. A. Handy D. D. must cast lots for the sixth place. All three of these gentlemen are men of some scholarship. Indeed, they may be classed as men of learning, and were elected to the bishopric on this consideration, almost alone. The highest qualities of a bishop were not considered in their selection. It was argued that they would give light to the bench, and they are men of many good parts. It must be borne in mind that I am speaking of all of these men as bishops. A bishop can not possibly have too much learning, but learning a classical education is not the highest prerequisite to the bishopric. This is clearly demonstrated in the case of Bishop Grant. Who would be so rash as to assert that he is not a bishop to the fullest measure? Another point must be noted, and that is, the qualifications necessary to the peculiar work to be done.

The Wilmington Conference will be called upon to fill vacancies on the bench of bishops. No one knows how many bishops will be elected, but certainly not fewer than three. There are four prominent candidates, namely Coppin, Derrick, Armstrong and Embry, and a sprinkling from a pop-gun to Krupp's biggest artillery. I think it is safe to say that the Wilmington bishops will come from the above mentioned four. Looking at them in the light of what has already been said about the qualifications for the bishopric, I rank them as follows: And predict their election in that order. First, Levi J. Coppin; second, W. B. Derrick; third, J. H. Armstrong, and fourth, J. C. Embry.

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I would not think of poking fun at such brilliant intellect as the veteran, "B. Square." I have for him the highest veneration, so much so that his wonderful productions cause peculiar sensations all over me. And if the foregoing criticism is at all mixed, it is all due to reading his last article in The Freeman.

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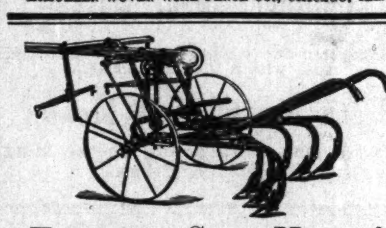

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CHAPTER IV.

It is impossible for me to attempt to describe the great commotion the escape created, or the convultion and disaster which followed. The results of which are felt to this very day, and will be spoken of long after I have gone the way of all the flesh. The jail keepers, slave holders and others gave vent to their rage in all manner of ways. Large rewards were offered for them dead or alive. Large bands of armed men with boys drove through the woods for weeks, l ke wolves hunting their prey. Their rage did not stop there, being naturally unmerciful they visited the houses of every free colored family in the neighborhood and all within their reach, spreading crime, famine and disaster wherever they went. I remember well the first and second time they came to our house, as it is written upon my memory in blood—blood more precious than my own. The first time they came father was away from home, and I was the only male person about the place. I was out in the field plowing when I saw about one hundred white men on horseback and all armed, coming at full speed towards the house. I left my horse and plow in the field and ran back to the house, arriving there about the same time they did. A portion of them formed a guard about every out house and the dwelling, while another portion rushed in the house. Some of the others rushed in every barn, crib and out house on the land to search plunder, etc.

The largest part, however, rushed for the dwelling house where my mother was. One of these fellows, by the name of Benjamin Woodard, immediately upon his entrance in the house began to act in a very improper and ungentlemanly manner, and grossly insulted my mother in various obscene ways. He was asked if that was the way he acted in people's houses. He called mother a "d— yellow b—," and at the same time attempted to snatch a watch which she wore in her bosom, saying, "You look handsome with a watch and chain, don't you?" Mother at this point, took up a large hickory walking stick belonging to my father, and gave him two or three blows with such success that it made the pirate's blood flow. She was not long able, however, to defend herself, for they rushed on her in numbers and soon brought her down, when some were disarming her and some holding her arms, Woodard gored his thumbs into her eyes, with the intention of putting them out. When I heard my mother scream, I ran to her assistance, but was not permitted to enter the house, being stopped at the door. "Don't let him pull my eyes out! Oh don't!" she cried. I was only 13 years old, and could not force my way by the men that stood in the door, but I looked through their legs in the room where my mother was. Oh heavens! what did I see? I saw what I hope no other son will ever see, and what my feelings will not allow me to write. I saw my mother, whose acts had ever been such as to cause me to love and and respect her, that mother I saw beaten down by those demons in human shape. I saw a wretch in the act of putting out her eyes; I saw the blood trickling down her face; I saw her struggle against unequal power with unconquerable spirit, whilst I, her son, was unable to help her.

There was a man in the company whose name was Arthur Butts. I had been in the habit of bringing him papers from Great Bridge postoffice, where I used to team. This place, Great Bridge, was about fifteen miles from our house and ten miles from Butts'. This man was standing on the stoop when I came up, and when my mother was screaming, I begged him not to let them kill her. He informed me that he had nothing to do with the matter. After struggling a long time, my mother at last got on her feet before the scamp had succeeded in putting out her eyes. Her watch was gone, however, and she was badly handled. There was a man by the name of Isaiah Wilson, a magistrate, and the very man my brother William and cousin Samuel had been brought before when they were committed to jail. He asked mother what was the matter and forced his way into the house, adding that he was a justice of the peace and would see that justice was done her. Mother stated her case to him, telling how she had been insulted and robbed of her watch. Wilson then said, "Didn't you know better than to wear a watch in your bosom? How dare you resist against a white man if he did take it from you?" When she "talked back" the unjust justice said that he had a great mind to blow her brains out, and pushed his pistol in her face, calling her vile names. Woodard at this point came out in the yard where I was standing and demanded me to tell where my brother William was, telling me if I refused he would blow my brains out, putting a loaded pistol cocked at my head. I would not have told him had I have known, for I had been taught by my parents that it was far more honorable to suffer death than to betray one that had run away from the slave holders, be the runaway bond or free man. I told him I did not know, (I did not know in truth) and he called me a liar, stating that I knew but would not tell him, and for that reason he would shoot me. I saw him again cock his pistol and place it at my head. I then shut my eyes expecting to open them in eternity. I heard the report and thought I was shot until I heard our dog that was by my side howl out. I looked and saw that he had received the contents of the would-be-murderer's pistol instead of myself.

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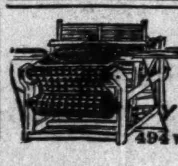

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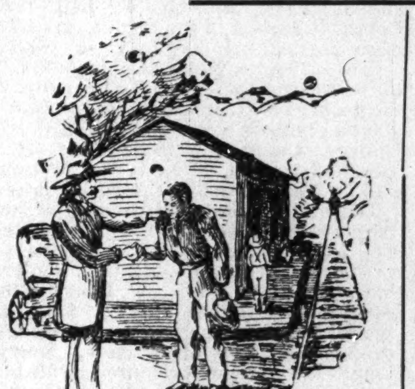

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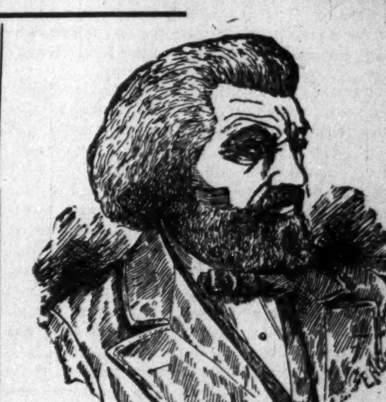

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CITY HAPPENINGS—PERSONAL.

Grant H. Clay, Dentist. 95 N. Del. Teeth filled and extracted without pain.

Mrs. Lillian Thomas Fox was in Evansville this week where she appeared in a concert.

Dover Yokum of Anderson passed through the city Monday enroute to Cincinnati.

Mrs. Richard Mason of Chicago, is in the city attending to business. She will return Monday.

The Rev. Dr. Ronatha, pastor of the Tabernacle Presbyterian church will preach at the Ninth Presbyterian church to-morrow Sunday at 3 p. m.

Song and Praise services will be conducted at the Corinthian Baptist church to-morrow by the singing evangelist, C.A.Heath, of Roanoke Va.

You will miss a grand treat if you fail to see the cantata given at Allen Chapel Thursday evening, May 7th. Some of our city's best talent are taking a part in the cantata.

"Under the Palms," a scripture cantata, to be given at Allen Chapel Thursday evening, May 7th, under the auspices of the Trichotimous Club. This cantata is intended to illustrate the Jewish feast of Tabernacles, and to present a view of the teachings of the prophet Ezra.

We desire to thank the many friends who were so kind to us during the recent illness of husband and father, John H. Jones, who departed this life at his home 106½ Prospect street, Sunday April 5th, 1896, at the age of 67 years. We have been made to feel as never before that "a friend in need is a friend indeed." Again we beg you accept our thanks.

THE FAMILY.

Personal Mention.

Prof. Booker T. Washington, the "Sable Sage of Alabama," will arrive in the city Tuesday evening. He has secured quarters at the fashionable Bates.

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Allen Chapel Notes.

Rev. J. Bass, of Frankfort, filled the pulpit last Sunday in the absence of the pastor. He preached two able sermons to large and appreciative audiences.

Rev. A. L. Murray assisted the Rev. J. H. Fisher, of Knightstown, Sunday, in a grand rally. He also preached the annual sermon to the Odd Fellows at 3 p. m. It was pronounced the ablest ever delivered to the members of Gem Lodge of Indiana, No. 2714.

Rev. A. L. Murray was called to Vincennes to officiate at the marriage of Rev. J. H. Fisher to Miss Bessie Brunswick.

"The modes of Baptism" will be the subject of next Sunday morning's discourse by the pastor. At 7:45 p. m. a chorus of 40 voices will give a sacred concert.

Candidate for Legislature.

Gabriel L. Jones was born in Gallatain, Sumner county, Tenn., Sept. 15, 1858. Came to Indianapolis in the spring of 1875, and began attending the public schools, afterwards graduating in 1883 from the public High School, and became a teacher in the public schools the same year, which position he held for several years. Resigned said position in 1890 to accept a position in the revenue departmhnt as agent, which position he held with credit for four years. He is now holding a position as clerk in the County Recorder's office. He is one of the best known colored Republicans in the state of Indiana. Mr. G. L. Jones is a courteous gentlemen and is in every way qualified to represent us in the coming Legislature.

The rapid growth of our city of Indianapolis has clearly made room for one more of the grand department stores of modern times, and in the Ladies' Home at 11 and 13 East Washington st., we have one in which every resident may have a pardonable pride. Judging from the attendance at the opening and number of people that have found it to their interest to patronize the Home, there is no doubt but what it has, to use the slang phrase, caught on to the public favor. The patronage has not been confined to any class or station for all have accepted the cordial invitation that has been extended to the public, from the Ex-President and his bride to the humble citizen from the area. Every article in the establishment is spic span new, and of the very latest pattern, no last years goods with improvemedts patched on in order to give them an appearence o modernity, are to be found in the house. An examination of the quality and make of the furnishings brings out the fact that all purchases have been made through the most reputable and stylish foreign and eastern dealers, accept where the firm's own foreign agent has done the buying at factories of celebrated producers. The public has not been slow to appreciate the advantages that are had in buying an outfit from a single house, and now that the opportunity is given to select from one stock all that one would require to begin house keeping or supply a hotel with, it will be taken gdvantage of. As a Ladie's Home it is well named, for the exquisite taste displayed is worthy of women and above the ordinary man's ken, but all the same, men gets the artistic excellence of the selections that are spread before him, as even his uneducated eye can take in if his attention is called to the marked difference in the styles of goods and the beautiful forms that are to be seen in the different departments, for this is a department store in its fullest sense, as there is no hodge podge of goods such as seen in the old time country store. We might go on and describe the different floors and their contents, but only to give a faint idea of the many beauties to be seen, therefore it is best to say to the reader that there is but one way to fully realize that everything is fully up to the standard and as the Irishman says, "a moighty soight better."

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William H. Schmidt was born at Madison, Ind., September 21, 1857. He came to this city when only a boy of twelve years old and has been here ever since. He attended the public schools here until fourteen years old and then entered the wholesale drug house of A. Kiefer & Co., as errand boy. His strict attention to duty brought rapid promotion. After serving as a clerk in the house, and traveling salesman, (and a more popular "drummer" never went out from Indianapolis,) he was made a partner in which position he continued until 1894, when he served connection with the house and entered upon the canvass which resulted on April 14th, 1894, when in his nomination upon the Republican ticket to the office of treasurer, and the following November in his election, running 1500 votes ahead of his ticket—an evidence of his personal popularity. Of all the men who have proceded Mr. Schmidt as treasurer of Marion County, there are none who have filled this office of public trust with more preciseness and given greater satisfaction to the people that has he, and we can safely say that none who may succeed him will be able to do more for the public's good.

He with his worthy assistants have won the highest esteem from their fellow citizens both in public and private life. There is nothing left for Mr. Schmidt save commendation, we cannot but feel that what is right will be done now that he has consented and is out for the renomination to again be elected treasurer of Marion County, and that he will be the people's choice. Mr. Schmidt has been a member of the Commercial Travelers' Association of Indiana for nearly seventeen years. He has been an active Republican from the time he cast his first vote, but never held or asked for office until he entered the canvass for the county treasurership.

He was chairman of finance committee and treasurer in the city campaign of 1893, which resulted in such an overwhelming Republican victory, and his arduous efforts during that campaign had much to do with his success in receiving the nomination for the treasurership. His connection with the management of the city and county Republican organizations has continued since that time, Mr. Schmidt feeling that his duty to his party should not cease with his own personal success. He stands high among the business men of this city, and deservedly so as he has always given his aid and influence to things that have made for the welfare of Indianapolis, and Marion County, and the people of the city and county. Mr. Schmidt has long been prominent in Masonic Affairs. He is a thirty-three degree Mason of the Scottish rite.

CANDIDATES FOR CORONER.

Brayton, Scherer, Ball, Stanley, Dunlavy, Wilson and Barnes.

The candidates for the office of coroner of Marion county are many. The incumbent, H. C. Castor, said to-day that he was not a candidate for re-election. He also said that he was favoring no particular candidate for the office. There are seven candidates talked of. The foremost is Dr. Alembert W. Brayton, who was a candidate for the office two years ago. He is the oldest man who is spoken of for the office both in years and in medical experience. His name appears on the diplomas of most of the other candidates. He was educated at Butler and Cornell; came to Indianapolis in 1877, and in 1879 took the degree of M. D. at the Medical College of Indiana. The following fall he was elected professor of chemistry, toxicology and medical jurisprudence in the College of Physicians and Surgeons. In 1881 he was elected professor of the same subjects to the Medical College of Indiana. Two years later he was elected professor of pathology, clinical medicine and dermatology. He is at present editor of the Indiana Medical Journal, a member of the Marion county and the Indiana State Medical societies, and the Indianapolis Literary.

The other candidates for the office are S. P. Scherer, of 581 South East street, a graduate of the College of Physicans and Surgeons; Addison W. Ball, 122 Columbia avenue, a graduate of the Indiana Medical College; John M. Stanley, of 337 South West street, a graduate of the Central College of Physicians and Surgeons; Ira E. Dunlavy, 534 Broadway, a graduate of the Indiana Medical College, who lives in the Second (Dr. Brayton's) ward, Dr. A. L. Wilson and Dr. Carl Barnes are also candidates.

During the present administration of the office, most, if not all, of the autopsies have been placed by Dr. Castor into the hands of Drs. R. F. Bigger, S. C. Crose and John B. Long. The usual fee for an autopsy is $25. In special cases, as when there is a chemical analysis, it is often more. Every month the coroner is required to file his bills with the county commissioners, and these bills show who have been authorized to make autopsies, on whom and by whom they were made.

Since December 1, 1894, the following amounts have been paid for autopsies: To Dr. Bigger, $1,500; Dr. Long, $900: Dr. Crose, $425; Dr. Crose has a bill for $300 pending for analysis. The total of all these is $3,125.

Fordyce Notes.

Fordyce, Ark., Special.

Fordyce is a thriving little town. We have two blacksmith shops, two barber shops, three restaurants, two grocery stores, two schools, four churches, three of which have been built within the last four years, and four Sunday schools in good shape. Rev. Hope was in a few days ago holding institutes. Rev. W. A. J. Phillip held the second quarterly meeting, March 23rd and gave wholesome advice. He preached on Sunday two very able sermons. Dr. Phillips is spoken of as a suitable man to fill the financial secretaryship of the great A. M. E. church. M. A. Clark, Grand Master of A. F. A. Masons of Arkansas was in town to examine the secretary's account of No. 98 lodge, also help the craft over the things on which they were stalled. Mr. Wilson, our photographer died a few days ago. He was doing good business. His wife is running the business with Mr. Mayse manager. Mrs. Eliza Story died; she leaves four children and several grand children. David Lacey and Elizabeth Young departed this life a few days ago. J. S. Stone will handle The Freeman every Saturday at J. D. Davis' barber shop. Call and get one that you may read the news of your state, and especially Fordyce.

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